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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION honoring Father Boniface Hardin.

*Whereas, Father Boniface Hardin is the president of
Martin University;*

*Whereas, Father Hardin founded Martin University in
1977 to educate black students;*

*Whereas, Father Hardin has received numerous awards
and recognitions for his devotion to the community;*

*Whereas, Father Hardin was named "International Citizen
of the Year" by the International Center of Indianapolis in
November 2002, "Living Legend" by the Indiana Historical*

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Society in July 2002, and a "Living Legend in Black" by the Hoosier Minority Black Chamber of Commerce, to mention just a few;

Whereas, Father Hardin portrayed Frederick Douglass in "Frederick Douglass and America," a play presented at Martin University in honor of the 100th anniversary of Douglass' death;

Whereas, Father Hardin feels that Douglass — former slave, abolitionist, ambassador to Haiti, and social reformer — was the "greatest orator in American history"; and

Whereas, Father Hardin remains active as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the Downtown Rotary Club of Indianapolis, the Indiana Association of Women in Education, and the National Council of Negro Women: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives thanks
- 2 Father Boniface Hardin for his years of dedicated service to Martin
- 3 University and the citizens of Indiana, and acknowledges his numerous
- 4 contributions to African Americans throughout the United States.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Reverend
- 7 Boniface Hardin.

